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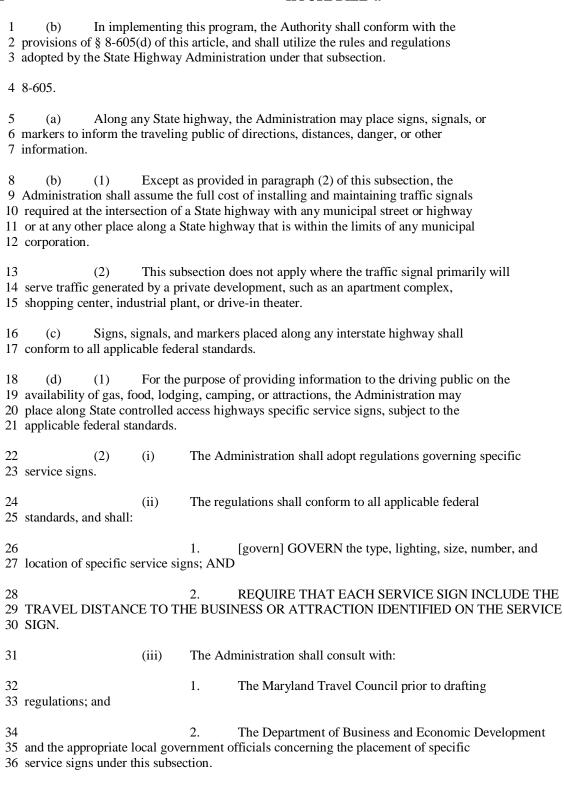
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Signs
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- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to adopt regulations
- 4 requiring the inclusion of the travel distance to certain businesses or attractions
- 5 indicated on certain service signs placed along certain State highways; and
- 6 generally relating to the requirement to include information about the travel
- distance to certain businesses or attractions on certain signs along State
- 8 highways.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 10 Article Transportation
- 11 Section 4-405
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)
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- 15 Article Transportation
- 16 Section 8-605
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 Article - Transportation

- 22 4-405.
- 23 (a) For the purpose of providing information to the driving public on the
- 24 availability of gas, food, lodging, or camping facilities, the Authority may place along
- 25 interstate highways specific information or business signs as defined in the
- 26 applicable federal standards.



- 1 (3) The business or attraction identified in a specific service sign shall 2 pay for the full administrative and operational cost of procurement, installation, and 3 maintenance of the sign.
- 4 (4) The Administration shall report to the Governor and, in accordance 5 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before
- 6 January 9, 2002 on the installation of service signs along State controlled access
- 7 highways under this subsection.
- 8 (e) Any person who removes, damages, or defaces any sign, signal, or marker 9 placed under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a 10 fine not exceeding \$100.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 12 October 1, 2004.